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this suggestion. So I'm going to listen but at this point in time I don't intend to vote for the amendment. Part of me wants to have a lot of debate on it and part of me says I don't know that it necessarily is such an earth-shaking decision that it should have a tremendous amount of debate. But I do think it's a departure from past policy with respect to the kinds of people and offices and individuals' capacities that we require, subject themselves to the filing of the forms with the Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. They're certainly not elected people. They must be approved by the Board of Regents and that sort of thing. Their salaries are set by the Board of Regents. I'm not seeing the need to put it in this portion of the law so I don't intend to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Schimek, on the Chambers amendment to LB 242.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand in support of the Chambers amendment. And, Senator Bromm, I understand where you're coming from because I think that's some of the concerns that you expressed were some of the same concerns that I had. And the longer that we looked at this, I wasn't sure that there was any other way to solve it other than just putting the people that you really want covered right in statute. As I mentioned earlier in my discussion, there is a tremendous laundry list of people at the University of Nebraska who are already covered that you might not see their listing in the statute, but you'll see it in the rules and regs for the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. And I won't bore you with the huge list that's already there which I just did a little while ago, but it is there. So this is not a radical departure. In addition, we do have the athletic director, as has been mentioned several times, is already covered. Now what my preference would be is that we find some kind of tag that we could put in statute that would cover the people that Senator Chambers is trying to cover. The problem is that it becomes possibly too broad when you do that, and you take in a lot of people that you never intended to take in. So I guess for the time being I am satisfied with doing it this way with the observation that I think that it might behoove us to just go back and look at this whole arena maybe one more time and see if